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The General Assembly,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome[1] and the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[2] as well as the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, in particular the health-related development goals set out therein, and its resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006,

Recognizing that strengthening public-health and health-care delivery systems is critical to achieving internationally agreed development goals including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recognizing also that diabetes is a chronic, debilitating and costly disease associated with severe complications, which poses severe risks for families, Member States and the entire world and serious challenges to the achievement of internationally agreed development goals including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolutions WHA42.36 of 19 May 1989 on the prevention and control of diabetes mellitus[3] and WHA57.17 of 22 May 2004 on a global strategy on diet, physical activity and health,[4]

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See resolution 60/1.

[2] See resolution 55/2.

[3] See *Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board*, vol. III, 3rd ed. (1985-1992), *38th to 45th World Health Assemblies; 75th to 90th sessions of the Executive Board* (Geneva, World Health Organization, 1993), sect.1.16.18.

[4] Available from www.who.int/gb/.

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Welcoming the fact that the International Diabetes Federation has been observing 14 November as World Diabetes Day at a global level since 1991, with co-sponsorship of the World Health Organization,

Recognizing the urgent need to pursue multilateral efforts to promote and improve human health, and provide access to treatment and health-care education,

1. *Decides* to designate 14 November, the current World Diabetes Day, as a United Nations Day, to be observed every year beginning in 2007;

2. *Invites* all Member States, relevant organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations, as well as civil society including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to observe World Diabetes Day in an appropriate manner, in order to raise public awareness on diabetes and related complications as well as on its prevention and care, including through education and the mass media;

3. *Encourages* Member States to develop national policies for the prevention, treatment and care of diabetes in line with the sustainable development of their health-care systems, taking into account the internationally agreed development goals including the Millennium Development Goals;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system.

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Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Austria, Georgia, Malta, Portugal and Ukraine

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